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In re Application of: )  
 Makoto HARADA et al. )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

Applicants would also like to point out to the Examiner the following pending application:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,433, may be related to the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:

Japanese Patent Application No. 08-297194, discloses a reactor container

provided with a catalyst type hydrogen removing device fed with a gas containing hydrogen and oxygen to recombine hydrogen and oxygen, a blower feeding atmospheric gas in the reactor container to the catalyst type hydrogen removing device, and a pipe and pressurized guiding part of the cooling water.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the listed document as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

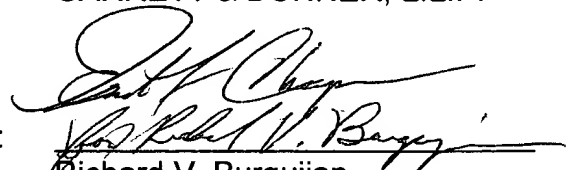
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Respectfully submitted,

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